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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN JUAN MENDEZ

1. CONGRESSMAN RAILSBACK HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JUAN MENDEZ, AN ARGENTINE NATIONAL. MENDEZ REPORTEDLY IS BEING HELD AT PEN UNIT NO. 9, LA PLATA. HE WAS DETAINED ON AUGUST 26, 1975. MENDEZ WAS ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM, BUT KEPT IN PRISON UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS OF ARGENTINE LAW. MENDEZ APPARENTLY WAS JAILED FOR DEFENDING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON MENDEZ AND HIS PRESENT SITUATION. KISSINGER

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